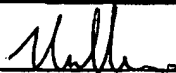


PTO/SB/08A

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Application Number		10/718,884		
				Filing Date		November 20, 2003		
				First Named Inventor		Atsushi MIYAWAKI		
				Group Art Unit		2872		
				Examiner Name		Mark A. Robinson		
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number		03702/LH		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Exam. Init's ¹	Cite No ¹	Document Number	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion		
MR		5,812,223	A	Masato NOGUCHI	09-22-1998			
MR		6,278,555	B1	M. STOCK et al	08-21-2001			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Exam. Init's ¹	Cite No ¹	Office ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶
MR		DE	101 23 439	A1	Bernhard TRIER	11-21-2002		
Examiner Signature					Date Considered	9/16/05		

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Mark here if English translation is attached.

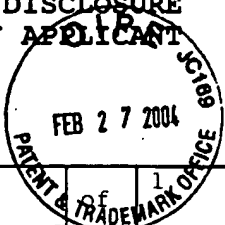
DATE MAILED: July 25, 2005

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

+

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT 		Application Number	10/718,884
		Filing Date	November 20, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Atsushi MIYAWAKI et al
		Group Art Unit	2872
		Examiner Name	
Sheet	1	Attorney Docket Number	03702/LH

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Inits ¹	Cite No ²	Document Number	Kind Code ³	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Inits ¹	Cite No ²	Offc ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶
WR		JP	07-056092		OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.	03-03-1995		*
WR		JP	09-005243		OKI ELECTRIC IND. CO. LTD.	01-10-1997		*
WR		JP	10-090608		BUNSHI BIO PHOTONICS KENYUSHO:KK	04-10-1998		*
*English language Abstract only.								

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	9/16/05
--------------------	---	-----------------	---------

¹ EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

² Unique citation designation number. ³ See kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ⁴ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁷ Place a check here if English translation is attached.

DATE MAILED: February 24, 2004